

CalWORKs and WELFARE TO WORK TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM*PLEASE PRINT*

YOUR NAME		COUNTY USE ONLY	
ADDRESS STREET		COUNTY	
CITY	ZIP	CASE NAME	
PHONE ()		CASE NO.	OTHER ID NO.
QUESTIONS? ASK YOUR WORKER.		WORKER NAME	

Beginning January 1, 1998, most adults can only receive 60 months (5 years) of cash aid from the CalWORKs program. An individual, unless exempt, is required to participate in CalWORKs welfare-to-work activities at the time her/his application for aid is granted. As a condition for receiving aid, recipients, unless exempt, have up to 18 or 24 months to participate in a broad range of CalWORKs welfare-to-work activities for the required minimum hours.

You may request to be exempt from the CalWORKs and/or Welfare to Work time limits because of one of the reasons listed below. You may need to send information to help the county decide if you should be exempt from the CalWORKs and/or Welfare to Work time limits. You may use this form to request an exemption for a condition you had in the past, (on or after January 1, 1998) if you have not yet requested the exemption.

If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, you may be exempt for a month or longer from the CalWORKs and/or Welfare to Work time limits. Please answer all of the questions. This form cannot be completed by the county. **Please be sure to sign and date the back of this form.**

YES NO 18/24 Time Limit Exemptions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Are you pregnant and a doctor states that you cannot work or participate in welfare-to-work activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Are you the parent or caretaker of a child age _____ or under? (Depending on the County, you may be exempt if your child is 12 weeks old or under, six months old or under, or 12 months old or under.) This exemption is available <u>only once</u> . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. If you have used exemption #2, have you recently given birth or adopted another child? (Depending on the County, you may be exempt for 12 weeks to 6 months.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Are you a full time volunteer in the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) Program? |

YES NO CalWORKs 18/24 and/or 60-Month Time Limit Exemptions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Are you physically or mentally unable to work or participate in a welfare-to-work activity on a regular basis for at least 30 calendar days? Please provide any medical proof you have. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Are you the nonparent caretaker of a child who is a dependent or ward of the court, or at risk of being placed in foster care? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Are you staying at home to take care of someone in the household who cannot take care of him/herself, which stops you from working or participating in a welfare-to-work activity? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Are you eligible for, participating in, or exempt from Cal-Learn or another teen parent program? (Does not apply if you are age 19, eligible to volunteer to participate but you choose not to participate in Cal-Learn.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Are you living in Indian Country, as defined by federal law, or an Alaskan native village, in which 50 percent of the adults are unemployed? (Does <u>not</u> apply to the 18/24 welfare-to-work time limit.) |

PLEASE READ THE BACK OF THIS FORM TO FIND OUT ABOUT MORE EXEMPTIONS.

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18/24 Time Limit Exemptions - You do NOT have to request these exemptions.

You will not be required to participate in the welfare-to-work program if any of the reasons apply to you.

- You are 16 years old.
 - You are 16, 17, or 18 years old and in high school or adult school.
 - You are 60 years or older.
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CalWORKs 60-Month Time Limit Exemptions - You do NOT have to request these exemptions.

A month of aid will be exempt from the 60-month time limit if any of the reasons listed below apply to you.

- You did not receive CalWORKs cash aid because your grant was less than \$10.
 - Your cash grant is fully repaid by child support collection.
 - You are only receiving supportive services such as child care, transportation, and case management.
 - You are 60 years or older.
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CalWORKs 18/24 and 60-Month Time Limit Waivers

If you are a victim of domestic abuse and the county has determined that your condition or circumstances prevent or impair your ability to be regularly employed or to participate in welfare-to-work activities, the county may waive the 18/24 and/or 60-month time limits. You do not have to complete this form to get a waiver to the time limits. You may contact your worker to request a domestic abuse waiver.

- You will be informed whether or not you are exempt from the CalWORKs and/or Welfare to Work time limits and the reason why.
- You may be asked to give the county proof of your reason for requesting an exemption.
- If you do not agree with the county, you may ask for a State hearing.
- Your condition may be evaluated each month to determine if you continue to be exempt.

YOUR SIGNATURE

DATE
